

the funds locally raised by taxation in the counties until such person shall have resided in some county for sufficient time to acquire a settlement therein; thereafter payments shall be made as in other cases.

SEC. 9. All awards to needy blind persons made under the provisions of this Act shall be made subject to reopening and reconsideration at any time when there has been any change in the circumstances of any needy blind person or for any other reason. The North Carolina State Commission for the Blind and the Board of County Commissioners of each of the counties in which awards have been made shall at all times keep properly informed as to the circumstances and conditions of the persons to whom the awards are made, making reinvestigations bi-annually, or more often, as may be found necessary. The North Carolina State Commission for the Blind may at any time present to the proper Board of County Commissioners any case in which, in their opinion, the changed circumstances of the case should be reconsidered. The Board of County Commissioners shall reconsider such cases and any and all other cases which, in the opinion of the Board of County Commissioners, deserve reconsideration. In all such cases notice of the hearing thereon shall be given to the person to whom the award has been made. Any person to whom an award has been made may apply for a reopening and reconsideration thereof. Upon such hearing, the Board of County Commissioners may make a new award increasing or decreasing the former award or leaving the same unchanged, or discontinuing the same, as it may find the circumstances of the case to warrant, such changes always to be within the limitations provided by this Act and in accordance with the terms hereof.

Any changes made in such award shall be reported to the North Carolina State Commission for the Blind, and shall be subject to the right of appeal and review, as provided in section five hereof.

SEC. 10. No aid to needy blind persons shall be given under the provisions of this Act to any individual for any period with respect to which he is receiving aid under the laws of North Carolina providing aid for dependent children and/or relief for the aged.

SEC. 11. No blind person shall be deemed a pauper by reason of receiving relief under this Act.

SEC. 12. Any person who shall obtain, or attempt to obtain, by means of a wilful, false statement, or representation, or impersonation, or other fraudulent devices, assistance to which he is not entitled shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than three months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Awards subject to reopening upon change in condition.

Investigations as to condition of beneficiaries.

Reconsideration by County Commissioners.

Applications by beneficiaries for reconsideration, on grounds of change in condition.

Changes in awards subject to right of appeal and review.

Disqualifications.

Beneficiaries not deemed paupers.

The practice of misrepresentation or fraud in obtaining assistance, made a misdemeanor.